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TAGS: PFOR CB  
SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON FROM PRESIDENT LON NOL

REF: STATE 197607

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AN OCTOBER 9  
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT LON NOL TO PRESIDENT NIXON IN RESPONSE TO  
PRESIDENT NIXON'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC.

BEGIN TEXT. MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY  
FOR YOUR KIND WISHES TO THE KHMER PEOPLE AND TO MYSELF ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE  
KHMER REPUBLIC.

MY COUNTRYMEN AND I ARE OVERCOME WITH JOY AND GREATLY COMFORTED  
IN THESE CRUCIAL HOURS WHEN THE ENEMY PERSISTS IN MURDERING OUR  
PEOPLE, WHO, HOWEVER, SEEK ONLY TO LIVE IN PEACE AND FREEDOM.  
YOUR MESSAGE, MR. PRESIDENT, BEARS WITNESS TO THE SINCERE FRIEND-  
SHIP WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOW TOWARD THE  
KHMER PEOPLE. IT LIKEWISE CONFIRMS THE CONSTANT SUPPORT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THIS PEOPLE, WHO REMAIN, I CAN  
ASSURE YOU, UNSHAKEN IN  
THEIR DETERMINATION TO FIGHT FOR THE REPUBLICAN CAUSE, WHICH MEETS  
THEIR DEEP AND LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS, AND FOR THE TRIUMPH OF  
OUR COMMON IDEALS OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

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IT IS WITH FIRM HOPE IN THIS CONSTANCY OF SUPPORT FROM YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT I RENEW TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, WHO ARE THE PRINCIPAL CRAFTSMAN OF THE SOLID KHMER-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP, OUR DEEP AND KEEN GRATITUDE AND ASK THAT YOU ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY VERY HIGH AND VERY FRIENDLY CONSIDERATIONS. SIGNED LON NOL. END TEXT.

2. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THE ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED.  
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